

August 2007  
CENTRAL COMMAND

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

August of 2007 was the second month of statistics for the reorganized Central Command.

During August, the Central Command had a 22.7% decrease in the number of crashes investigated, as there were 20 less accidents than in July. Property crashes declined by 7.7% while injury crashes decreased by 40%. There were 2 fatal crashes in August, which was down from 6 in July. Of the 2 people killed, only 1 was wearing a seat belt.

There were 6 crashes which involved impaired drivers. This number is up 20% from June, or 1 driver. There were however, 22 DUI arrests prior to crashes, an increase of 22.2% from July. It is noteworthy that the average BAC for impaired drivers arrested before a crash was 0.128%. However, the average BAC for drivers arrested after a crash was 0.215%. Emphasis must still be placed on the apprehension of the impaired driver before an accident occurs.

There was an increase in commercial crashes overall, up 7 from July. There were no fatal commercial accidents. The total number of commercial crashes was 26.5% of the total crashes within the Central Command. Of the 18 commercial crashes, the commercial driver was at fault in 11 of the crashes. 14 of the total 18 commercial crashes occurred on the Interstate 80 corridor.

Commercial personnel performed 510 inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers. The number of inspections were up 32.6% from July. However, there were 771 violations discovered with 95 safety citations issued. This was an increase of 25% over the total in June.

Traffic personnel conducted 253 Level Two and Three Inspections on commercial vehicles and their drivers. This is a 57.1% increase from July. Consequently, traffic personnel issued 127 safety violation citations, 252 repair orders, with 19 drivers and 6 vehicles placed out of service.



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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

|  | Aug. 07 |  | Aug. 06 |         | July 07 |         |
|--|---------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Crashes                                    | 68      |  | 109     | -37.6%  | 88      | -22.7%  |
| Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 48      |  | 76      | -36.8%  | 52      | -7.7%   |
| Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]   | 18      |  | 29      | -37.9%  | 30      | -40.0%  |
| Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]    | 2       |  | 4       | -50.0%  | 6       | -66.7%  |
| DUI Crashes [DUI charged]                        | 6       |  | 4       | 50.0%   | 5       | 20.0%   |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes            | 2       |  | 7       | -71.4%  | 7       | -71.4%  |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts           | 0       |  | 1       | -100.0% | 3       | -300.0% |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts        | 1       |  | 5       | -80.0%  | 2       | -50.0%  |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts              | 1       |  | 1       | 0.0%    | 2       | -50.0%  |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts           | 0       |  | 0       | 0.0%    | 0       | 0.0%    |
| Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable  | 0       |  | 0       | 0.0%    | 0       | 0.0%    |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes       | 18      |  | 25      | -28.0%  | 11      | 63.6%   |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle    | 13      |  | 18      | -27.8%  | 8       | 62.5%   |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle      | 5       |  | 7       | -28.6%  | 2       | 150.0%  |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle       | 0       |  | 0       | 0.0%    | 1       | -100.0% |

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.9%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 8.8%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50%  
 Seat belts applicable

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 26.5%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS**

*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- The total number of crashes in August decreased substantially from 88 accidents in July to 68. Property damage accidents decreased by 7.7%. Injury accidents declined 40%.
- There were a total of 2 fatal accidents as compared to 6 in July. Of the 2 fatalities, 1 was not wearing a seatbelts.
- There were 6 accidents involving an impaired driver, a 20% increase from July. The average BAC was .215.
- There were a total of 18 commercial vehicle accidents, an increase of 7 from the month of July. The commercial driver was at fault in 11 of the accidents. 14 of the total 18 accidents occurred on the Interstate 80 corridor. There were no fatal commercial vehicle accidents.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

|  | Aug. 07 |  | Aug. 06 |          | July 07 |         |
|--|---------|--|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| DUI arrests from crashes<br>##                   | 6       |  | 4       | 50.0%    | 5       | 20.0%   |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes              | 22      |  | 26      | -15.4%   | 18      | 22.2%   |
| Other Arrests                                    | 97      |  | 162     | -40.1%   | 104     | -6.7%   |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##         | 59      |  | 87      | -32.2%   | 56      | 5.4%    |
| Speed violations                                 | 1747    |  | 2849    | -38.7%   | 1725    | 1.3%    |
| Hazardous moving violations                      | 168     |  | 257     | -34.6%   | 139     | 20.9%   |
| Occupant restraint violations *                  | 151     |  | 317     | -52.4%   | 173     | -12.7%  |
| Total violations [above violations included]     | 2973    |  | 5164    | -42.4%   | 2818    | 5.5%    |
| <b>Commercial Enforcement</b>                    |         |  |         |          |         |         |
| Hazardous moving violatons - citations/arrests   | 19      |  | 34      | -44.1%   | 31      | -38.7%  |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests     | 6       |  | 12      | -50.0%   | 5       | 20.0%   |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 510     |  | 664     | -24.7%   | 377     | 32.6%   |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only           | 0       |  | 0       | 0.0%     | 0       | 0.0%    |
| Total safety violations -- citation              | 95      |  | 132     | -28.0%   | 76      | 25.0%   |
| Total safety violations -- repair order          | 749     |  | 1019    | -26.5%   | 494     | 51.6%   |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"           | 39      |  | 50      | -22.0%   | 19      | 105.3%  |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service"            | 12      |  | 18      | -33.3%   | 11      | 9.1%    |
| Total school buses inspected                     | 101     |  | 0       | 10100.0% | 17      | 494.1%  |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service"       | 24      |  | 0       | 2400.0%  | 0       | 2400.0% |
| Total trucks weighed                             | 210     |  | 681     | -69.2%   | 436     | -51.8%  |
| Total overweight citations                       | 12      |  | 14      | -14.3%   | 9       | 33.3%   |
| Total dyed fuel inspections                      | 466     |  | 623     | -25.2%   | 374     | 24.6%   |
| Total dyed fuel citations                        | 0       |  | 0       | 0.0%     | 0       | 0.0%    |

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Overall enforcement activity remained consistent with last month at 2973 total violations. Speed and hazardous moving violations increased, while a 12.7% decline was noted in occupant restraint violations.
- Impaired driver arrests before accidents increased 22%. The average BAC was .128.
- The total number of safety inspections conducted by commercial operations increased 32.6 % from the prior month. A total of 510 inspections were completed leading to 771 violations. 95 safety citations were issued.
- 12 overweight citations were issued during the weighing of 210 total trucks. There were 138 vehicles weighed on secondary roadways during 229 hours of directed enforcement.
- 382 dyed fuel inspections were completed and no citations were issued. There were 87 dyed fuel inspections on secondary roadways during 100 hours of directed enforcement.
- Traffic operations personnel conducted 253 Level 2 & 3 inspections discovering 252 violations that led to 127 issued safety citations.
- 19 drivers and 6 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic operations personnel.

| Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY] |                       |                            |                                |                                 |                                  |                       |                     |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|  | Level 2/3 Inspections | Safety Violations Citation | Safety Violations Repair Order | Drivers Placed "Out of Service" | Vehicles Placed "Out of Service" | Dyed Fuel Inspections | Dyed Fuel Citations |
|  | #                     | #                          | #                              | #                               | #                                | #                     | #                   |
| August-07                                    | 253                   | 127                        | 252                            | 19                              | 6                                | 187                   | 28                  |
| August-06                                    | 633                   | 231                        | 690                            | 74                              | 497                              | 0                     | 0                   |
| % Change                                     | -60.0%                | -45.0%                     | -63.5%                         | -74.3%                          |                                  | #DIV/0!               | 0.0%                |

|           |       |       |       |       |        |       |      |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|------|
| August-07 | 253   | 127   | 252   | 19    | 6      | 187   | 28   |
| July-07   | 161   | 69    | 155   | 11    | 8      | 143   | 0    |
| % Change  | 57.1% | 84.1% | 62.6% | 72.7% | -25.0% | 30.8% | 0.0% |

## ***FLIGHT OPERATIONS***

- The Central Command aircraft flew 42 hours during the month of August. Of the total, 19 hours, or 44 % of the total flight time was spent on airborne speed enforcement activities. 2 personnel transports and 1 training flight accounted for 7 hours, or 18% of the flight time. 4 line patrol missions and 1 maintenance flight accounted for the remaining 16 hours or 38% of the flight time.
- The aircraft was down for maintenance for 1 day during August.
- 9 speed enforcement missions were flown resulting in 96 enforcement actions taken.

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES              | August-07 | August -06 | % Change | July-07 | % Change |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|---------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION CENTER                 |           |            |          |         |          |
| Radio Transmissions                  | 64,951    | 93,414     | -30.5%   | 63,248  | 2.7%     |
| CAD incidents                        | 10,484    | 12,723     | -17.6%   | 10,080  | 4.0%     |
| Telephone Calls                      | 10,407    | 13,076     | -20.4%   | 12,056  | -13.7%   |
| Call Box Incidents                   | 23        | 52         | -55.8%   | 31      | -25.8%   |
| FRONT OFFICE                         |           |            |          |         |          |
| Accident Reports Processed           | 77        | 105        | -26.7%   | 81      | -4.9%    |
| Arrest Reports Processed             | 33        | 72         | -54.2%   | 66      | -50.0%   |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 12        | 24         | -50.0%   | 7       | 71.4%    |
| COURT / WARRANT                      |           |            |          |         |          |
| Warrants Received                    | 201       | 338        | -40.5%   | 159     | 26.4%    |
| Warrants Entered                     | 192       | 302        | -36.4%   | 228     | -15.8%   |
| Warrants Cleared                     | 159       | 511        | -68.9%   | 231     | -31.2%   |
| Warrants Validated                   | 1266      | 1873       | -32.4%   | 1743    | -27.4%   |
| Extradition / Transports             | 6         | 7          | -14.3%   | 4       | 50.0%    |
| EVIDENCE                             |           |            |          |         |          |
| New Cases Submitted                  | 20        | 35         | -42.9%   | 21      | -4.8%    |
| New Items Submitted                  | 50        | 151        | -66.9%   | 144     | -65.3%   |
| Items Disposed                       | 157       | 167        | -6.0%    | 417     | -62.4%   |

**Contract Service overtime was 292.6 hours for 7 contracts totaling \$19,839.00**

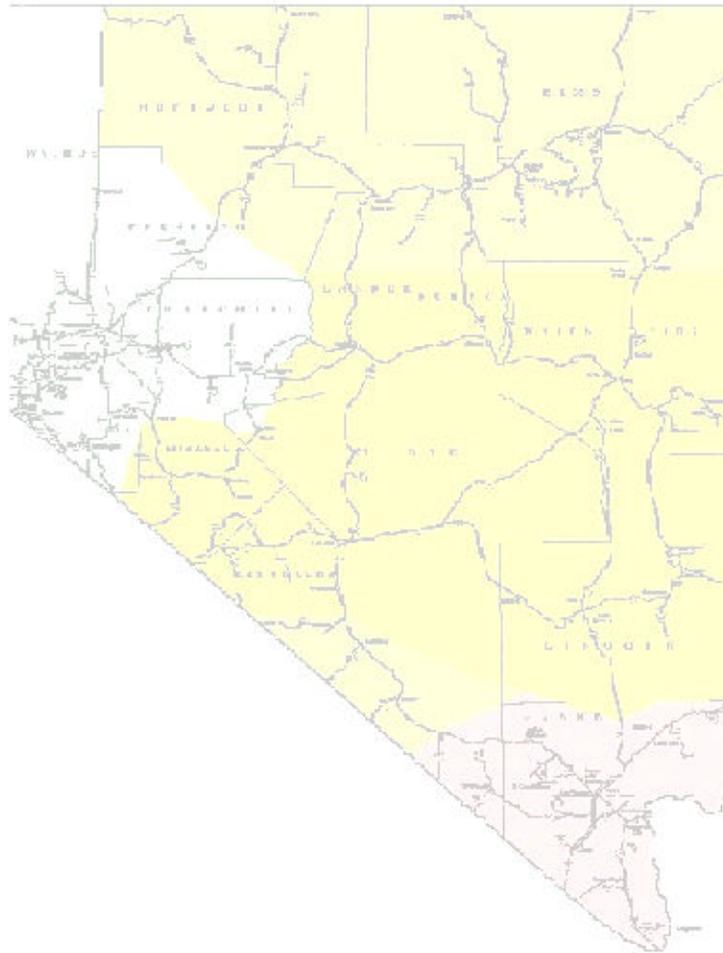
#### NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- Radio transmissions increased 2.7%. CAD incidents remained constant as telephone calls decreased by 13.7%. The call boxes are up and running again and accounted for 23 calls.
- The front office processed 4.9% less accident reports than last month and processed 50% less arrest reports.
- The court/warrants office received a 26.4% increase in warrants received. Warrants entered, cleared and validated all showed significant decreases.
- The evidence vault received 1 less case than in July, resulting in a 65.3% decrease in items booked from July. Items disposed also showed a significant decrease of 62.4% from the prior month.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

- Division personnel participated in the “National Night Out” on August 7<sup>th</sup> . The rollover simulator was one of the main events at the show.
- Operation Brake Check started August 28<sup>th</sup> and ended on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Local media attended the event and conducted several public broadcasts about the event.
- Division personnel attended the annual Elko Fair Parade on August 31<sup>st</sup>.



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